

MAINE MEDICAL CENTER AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER COMMENTS
ON BUREAU OF HEALTH ASSESSMENT

MMC appreciates the Certificate of Need Unit's recommendation that this project be approved by the Commissioner. MMC recognizes that the addition of assessments by the Bureau of Health and the Bureau of Insurance are new elements being introduced to the review of Certificate of Need applications. The Bureau of Health did not provide applicants an opportunity for technical assistance on its assessment methodology prior to its use. MMC respectfully requests that the Certificate of Need Unit, the Bureau of Health and the Bureau of Insurance conduct a work session with potential Certificate of Need applicants, interested persons and the public to discuss the methodologies and criteria that will be used in these assessments. MMC was unable to discern any consistency in the manner in which points are awarded to the projects, or any correlation between the points awarded and the comments made in each of the sections by the Bureau of Health.

CONU Response:

The Bureau of Health assessment is one factor out of many that the CONU considers. CONU will recommend that hospital providers, Bureau of Insurance and Bureau of Health meet to discuss the methodologies and criteria used in preparing assessments.